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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JULY 12, 2001

APPLICATION OF

ALLEGHENY COMMUNICATIONS CONNECT OF VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC010053

For a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide interexchange telecommunications services

FINAL ORDER

On March 7, 2001, Allegheny Communications Connect of
Virginia, Inc. ("Allegheny" or "Applicant"), filed an
application for a certificate of public convenience and
necessity ("certificate") with the State Corporation Commission
("Commission") to provide interexchange telecommunications
services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Applicant
also requests authority to price its interexchange
telecommunications services on a competitive basis pursuant to
§ 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia.

By Order dated April 19, 2001, the Commission directed the Applicant to provide notice to the public of its application, which invited interested persons to file comments and request a hearing and directed the Commission Staff to conduct an investigation and, if necessary, file a report.

The Applicant filed its proof of publication and notice on May 31, 2001, and no comments or requests for hearing were received. On June 19, 2001, the Staff filed a report finding that Allegheny's application was in compliance with the Commission's Rules Governing the Certification of Interexchange Carriers. 1

Based upon its review of Allegheny's application and the Applicant's responses to Staff data requests, the Staff determined it would be appropriate to grant an interexchange certificate to Allegheny.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered Allegheny's application and the Staff report, is of the opinion and finds that Allegheny should be granted a certificate to provide interexchange telecommunications services. Having considered § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia, the Commission further finds that Allegheny may price its interexchange telecommunications services competitively.

Accordingly, IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) Allegheny Communications Connect of Virginia, Inc., is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. TT-158A, to provide interexchange telecommunications services subject to the restrictions set

¹ 20 VAC 5-400-60.

forth in the Commission's Rules Governing the Certification of Interexchange Carriers, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this Order.

- (2) Allegheny shall provide tariffs to the Division of Communications that conform with all applicable Commission rules and regulations.
- (3) Pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia, Allegheny may price its interexchange telecommunications services competitively.
- (4) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this case shall be dismissed and the papers filed herein placed in the file for ended causes.